

Amendments to the Claims

Please enter the amendments shown in the claim listing below, which replaces all previous claim listings.

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An animal~~ A dog chew product, comprising:
an ingestible ~~chew~~ rawhide substrate;
~~a~~-cetyl pyridinium chloride salt and sodium tripolyphosphate incorporated on or in said ingestible ~~chew~~ rawhide substrate; and
wherein said ~~animal chew product is effective~~ ingestible rawhide substrate, cetyl pyridinium chloride and sodium tripolyphosphate are provided in a dried rawhide dog chew product, and said cetyl pyridinium chloride and sodium tripolyphosphate are incorporated in amounts wherein the cetyl pyridinium chloride and sodium tripolyphosphate are together effective to reduce the incidence of both gingivitis and dental calculus in an animal a dog that chews the dried rawhide dog ~~animal-chew~~ product.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~An animal~~ A dog chew product of claim 1, wherein:
the sodium polyphosphate is the only anti-calculus agent incorporated on or in said rawhide substrate.~~said chew substrate comprises rawhide.~~

3. (Currently Amended) ~~An animal~~ A dog chew product of claim 2, wherein said ~~chew~~ rawhide substrate comprises a body formed from multiple rawhide pieces.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~An animal~~ A dog chew product of claim 3, wherein said body also comprises a binder.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~An animal~~ A dog chew product of claim 3, wherein said sodium tripolyphosphate and cetyl pyridinium chloridesalt are incorporated within said body.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~An animal~~ A dog chew product of any of claims 1-5, ~~wherein the cetyl pyridinium salt is cetyl pyridinium chloride,~~ and wherein said chew product incorporates about 0.01% to 0.10% by weight of cetyl pyridinium chloride.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~An animal~~ A dog chew product of claim 6, wherein said chew product incorporates about 0.2% to about 2% by weight of sodium tripolyphosphate.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~An animal~~ A dog chew product of claim 1, wherein said sodium tripolyphosphate and cetyl pyridinium chloridesalt are incorporated in a coating on said ingestible chew substrate.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~An animal~~ A dog chew product according to claim 1, wherein the cetyl pyridinium chloride is the only anti-microbial agent incorporated on or in the rawhide substrate.~~which is a dog chew product.~~

10. (Currently Amended) ~~An animal~~ A dog chew product according to claim 9~~1~~, wherein the sodium tripolyphosphate

is the only anti-calculus agent incorporated on or in the rawhide substrate. ~~which is a eat chew product.~~

11. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture, comprising a package containing one or more ~~animal~~ dog chew products of claim 1.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for oral care in ~~an animal~~ a dog, comprising providing to said dog ~~animal~~ for mastication ~~an animal~~ a dried rawhide chew product comprising an ingestible rawhide substrate and cetyl pyridinium chloride and sodium tripolyphosphate incorporated on or in said ingestible rawhide substrate, wherein the cetyl pyridinium chloride and sodium tripolyphosphate are incorporated in amounts wherein the cetyl pyridinium chloride and sodium tripolyphosphate are together effective to reduce the incidence of gingivitis and dental calculus in a dog that chews the dried rawhide chew product.

~~according to claim 1.~~

13. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 12, wherein said providing comprises providing one or more of said ~~animal~~ dried rawhide chew products to the ~~animal~~ dog per day.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 12, wherein the sodium tripolyphosphate is the only anti-calculus agent incorporated on or in the rawhide substrate. ~~the animal is a dog.~~

15. (Currently Amended) A method of claim ~~12~~14, wherein the cetyl pyridinium chloride is the only anti-microbial agent incorporated on or in the rawhide substrate. ~~the animal is a cat.~~

16. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a ~~animal~~ dog chew product, comprising:

providing an ingestible ~~chew~~ rawhide substrate; and
incorporating sodium tripolyphosphate and ~~a~~-cetyl pyridinium chloridesalt on or in said substrate so as to provide a wet, agent-treated substrate; and

drying said wet, agent-treated substrate to provide a dried rawhide chew product;

wherein said cetyl pyridinium chloride and sodium tripolyphosphate are incorporated on or in said substrate in amounts wherein the cetyl pyridinium chloride and sodium tripolyphosphate are together effective to reduce the incidence of gingivitis and dental calculus in a dog that chews the dried rawhide chew product.

~~wherein the animal chew product is effective to reduce the incidence of both gingivitis and dental calculus in an animal that chews the animal chew product.~~

17. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 16, which comprises incorporating sodium tripolyphosphate and ~~a~~-cetyl pyridinium chloridesalt in said substrate.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 17, ~~which~~ wherein said incorporating comprises:

providing a mixture containing sodium tripolyphosphate, ~~a-cetyl pyridinium chloride salt~~ and a material for forming said ingestible chew rawhide substrate; and

forming said ingestible chew rawhide substrate from said mixture.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 16, which comprises incorporating sodium tripolyphosphate and ~~a-cetyl pyridinium chloridesalt~~ in a coating on said substrate.

20. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 16, wherein the sodium tripolyphosphate is the only anti-calculus agent incorporated on or in the rawhide substrate.~~said substrate comprises rawhide.~~

21. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 20, ~~any of claims 16-20,~~ wherein the cetyl pyridinium chloride is the only anti-calculus agent incorporated on or in the rawhide substrate.~~the cetyl pyridinium salt is cetyl pyridinium chloride.~~

22. (Currently Amended) ~~An animal~~ A dog chew product according to claim 1, wherein said ingestible chew rawhide substrate comprises a chewable body formed with bits of rawhide, and said sodium tripolyphosphate and cetyl pyridinium chloride are incorporated substantially homogenously within said chewable body.